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DON'T BE A FOOL, JOE!!
I'M NOT THE ONLY FISH IN THE POND!
LET ME THINK ABOUT IT—MAYBE I'LL FEEL DIFFERENTLY LATER ON!

THAT'S YOUR SAME OLD SONG AND DANCE! IT'S NO USE, ELAINE! I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE! GOODBYE!

HEY! WHO LET YOU IN? GET OUT OF HERE!!

CONGRATULATIONS, JOE! HOW DOES IT FEEL TO WIN EIGHTY THOUSAND BUCKS IN THE SWEEPSTAKES? HEY, WHAT'S THE GUN FOR?

MAYBE HE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT IT YET, D.D.!

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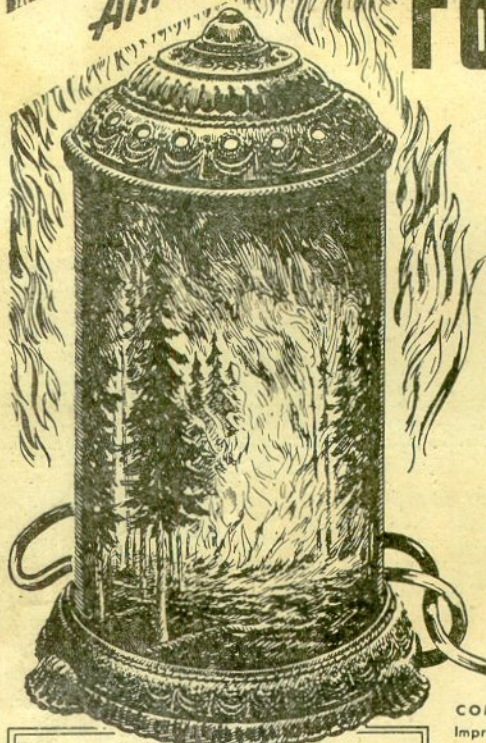
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ADVICE TO COMIC READERS FOR BAD SKIN

Stop Worrying Now About Pimples, Blackheads
And Other Externally Caused Skin Troubles
JUST FOLLOW SKIN DOCTOR'S SIMPLE DIRECTIONS

By *Betty Memphis*

Have you ever stopped to realize that the leading screen stars whom you admire, as well as the beautiful models who have lovely, soft white skin, were all born just like you with a lovely smooth skin?

The truth is that many girls and women do not give their skin a chance to show off the natural beauty that lies hidden underneath those externally caused pimples, blackheads and irritations. For almost anyone can have the natural, normal complexion which is in itself beauty. All you have to do is follow a few amazingly simple rules.

Many women shut themselves out of the thrills of life—dates, romance, popularity, social and business success—only because sheer neglect has robbed them of the good looks, poise and feminine self-assurance which could so easily be theirs. Yes, everybody looks at your face. The beautiful complexion, which is yours for the asking, is like a permanent card of admission to all the good things of life that every woman craves. And it really can be yours—take my word for it!—no matter how discouraged you may be this very minute about those externally caused skin miseries.

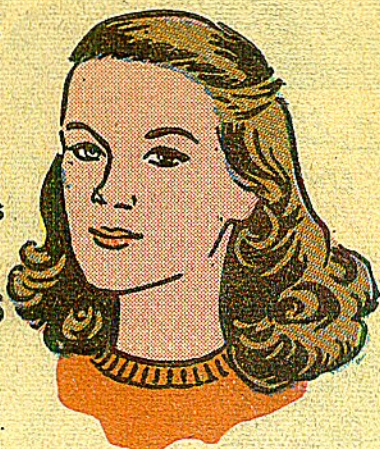
Medical science gives us the truth about a lovely skin. There are small specks of dust and dirt in the air all the time. When these get into the open pores in your skin, they can in time cause the pores to become larger and more susceptible to dirt particles, dust and infection. These open pores begin to form blackheads which become in-

fectured and bring you the humiliation of pimples, blackheads or other blemishes. When you neglect your skin by not giving it the necessary care, you leave yourself wide open to externally caused skin miseries. Yet proper attention with the double Viderm treatment may mean the difference between enjoying the confidence a fine skin gives you or the embarrassment of an ugly, unattractive skin that makes you want to hide your face.



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Incidentally, while your two jars and the doctor's directions are on their way to you, be sure to wash your face as often as necessary. First use warm water, then cleanse with water as cold as you can stand it, in order to freshen, stimulate and help close your pores. After you receive everything, read your directions carefully. Then go right to it and let these two fine formulas help your dreams of a beautiful skin come true.

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and the LITTLE WISE GUYS

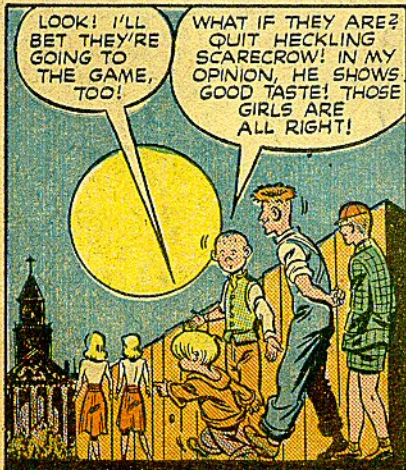
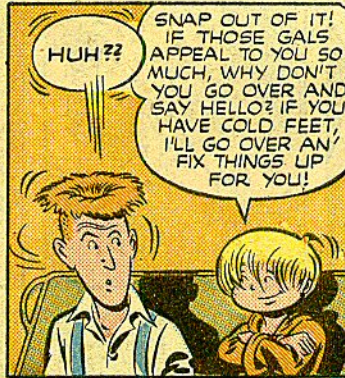
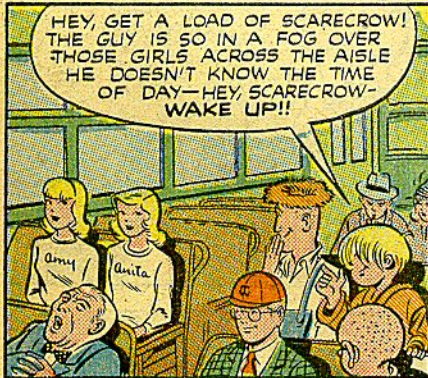
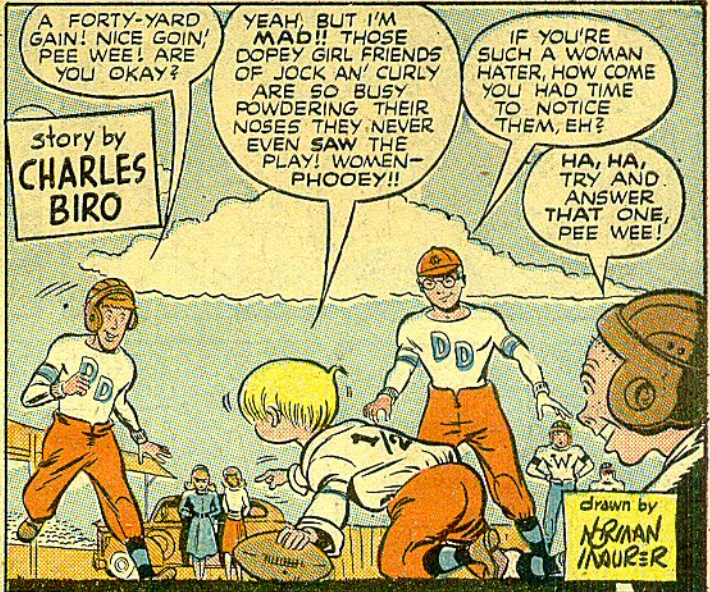
WHENEVER CIVIC PROBLEMS OR PUBLIC ISSUES ARISE, THOUSANDS OF SOLUTIONS ARE OFFERED, SOME OF THEM WORTHWHILE, BUT MANY ARE SO GENERAL AND BROAD IN SCOPE, THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS! A SINGLE OPERATION CAN'T CURE ALL PHYSICAL AILMENTS!

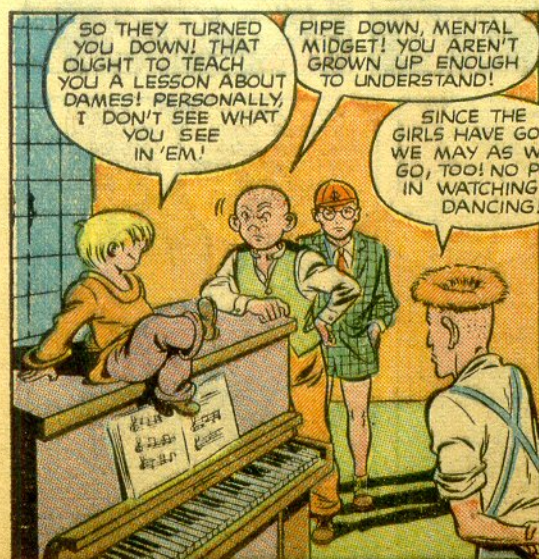
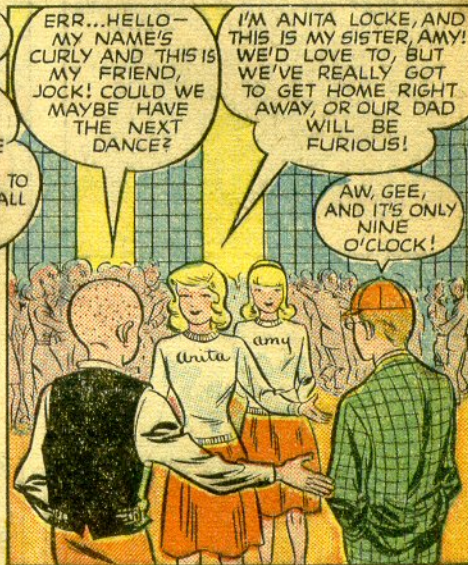
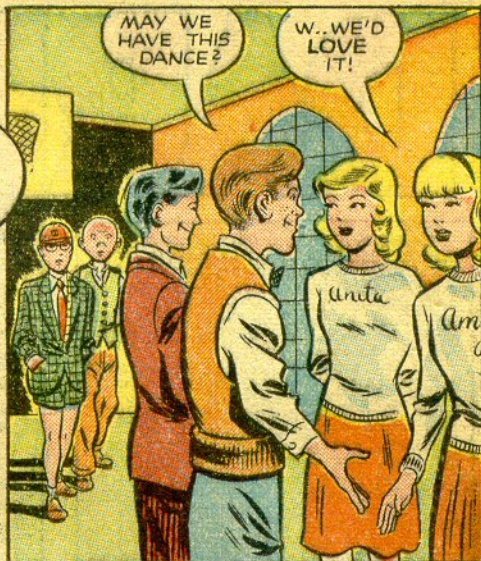
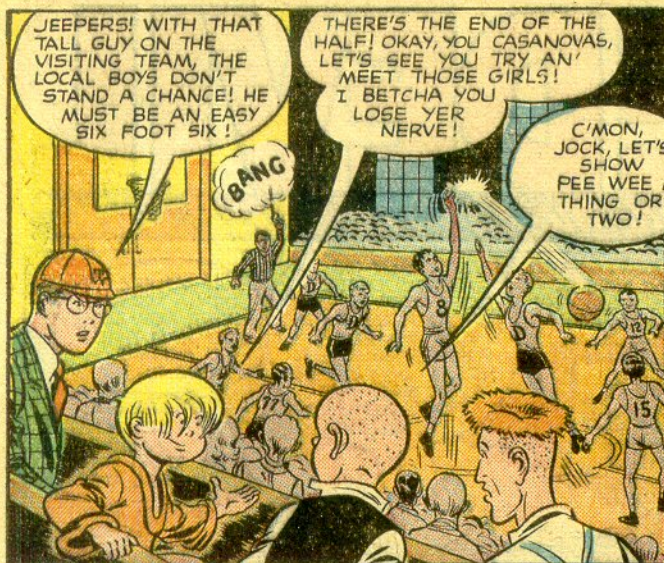
IN THE CASE OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, MANY CLAIM, "IT IS THE PARENTS WHO NEED CORRECTING, AND THE KIDS WILL TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES!" OTHERS SAY, "IT IS THE ENVIRONMENT, THE EXAMPLE SET BY THE PARENTS!" THESE OPINIONS ARE ALL TO SOME DEGREE RIGHT, BUT WE MUST NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE IMPORTANT FACT THAT GREAT PEOPLE HAVE COME FROM THE SO-CALLED ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTS!

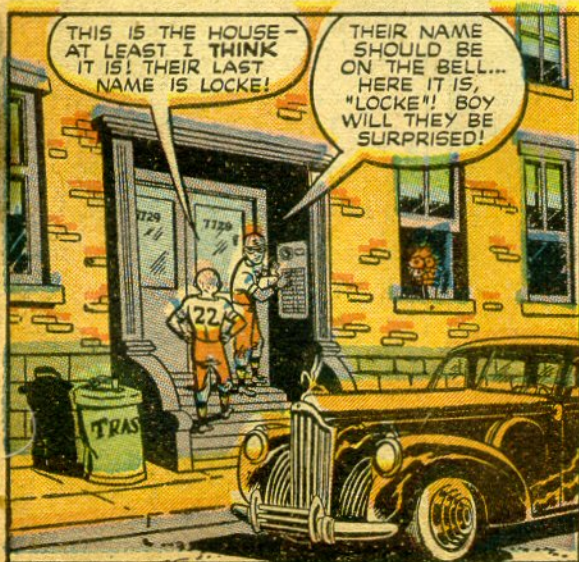
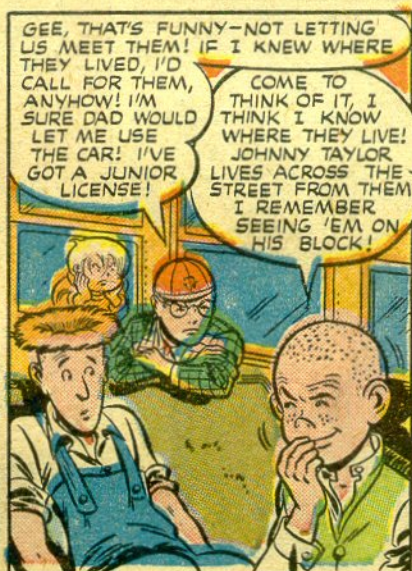
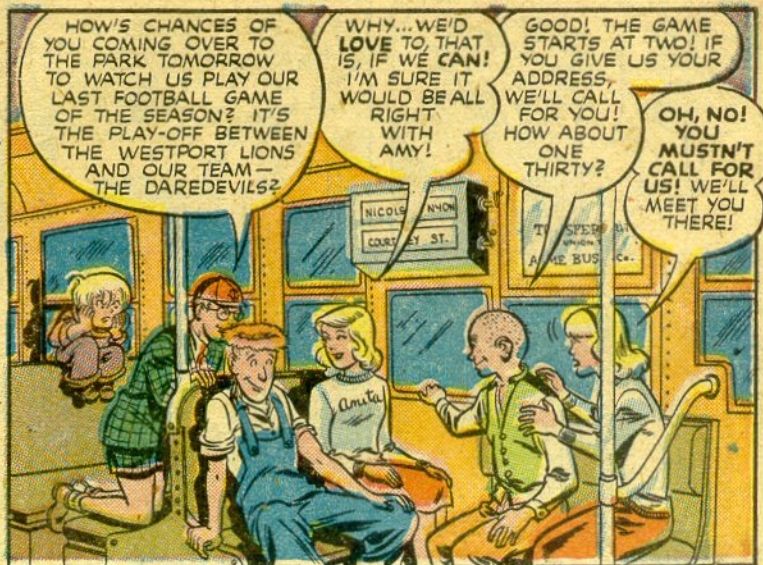
THERE IS ENTIRELY TOO MUCH STRESS PLACED UPON A CHILD'S BACKGROUND! WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT IS THE STUFF THE CHILD IS MADE OF--HIS OWN INHERENT ABILITY TO CHOOSE RIGHT FROM WRONG!

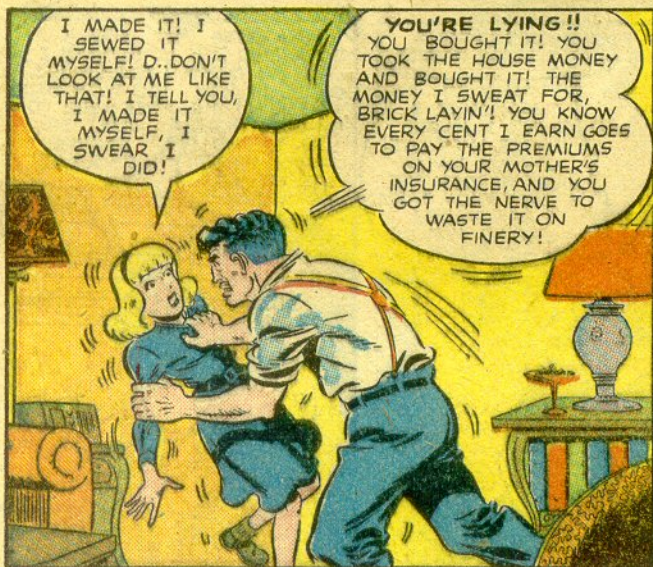
IN THIS STORY, I CREATED THE WORST POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENT THAT I COULD CONCEIVE FOR CHILDREN TO GROW IN! THEY DID NOT BECOME DELINQUENTS. THEY WERE NOT ILL-MANNERED FOR IT! THEY WERE NOT LESS INTELLIGENT FOR IT! THEY HAD THE STUFF THAT COULD BEAT DOWN THE EVIL INFLUENCES AROUND THEM, TO EMERGE AS PROUD PRODUCTS OF THEIR COMMUNITY!

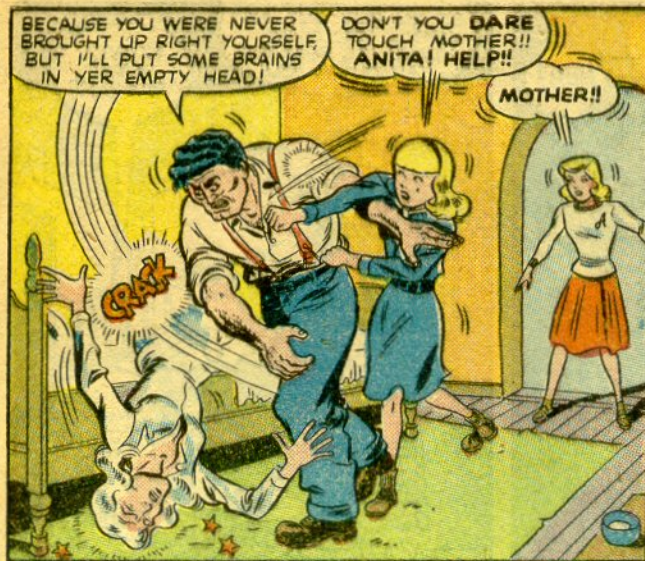
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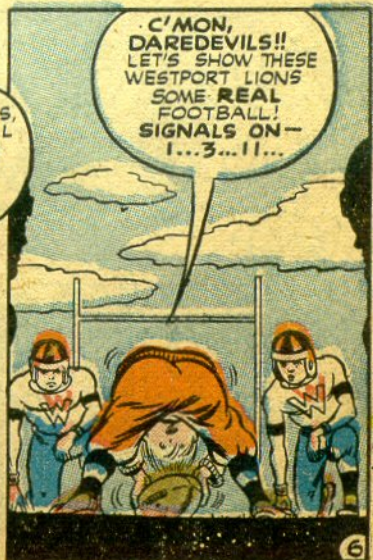
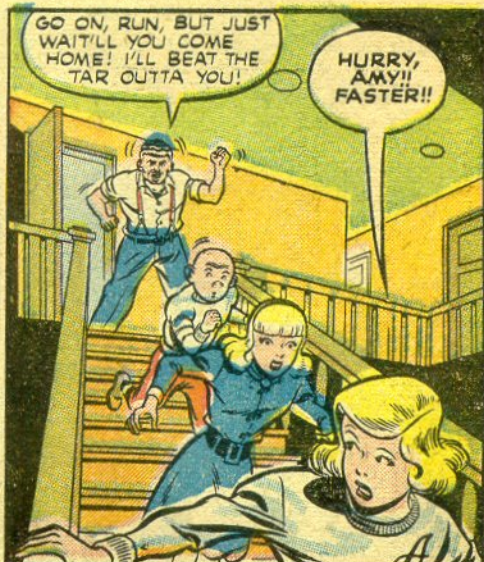




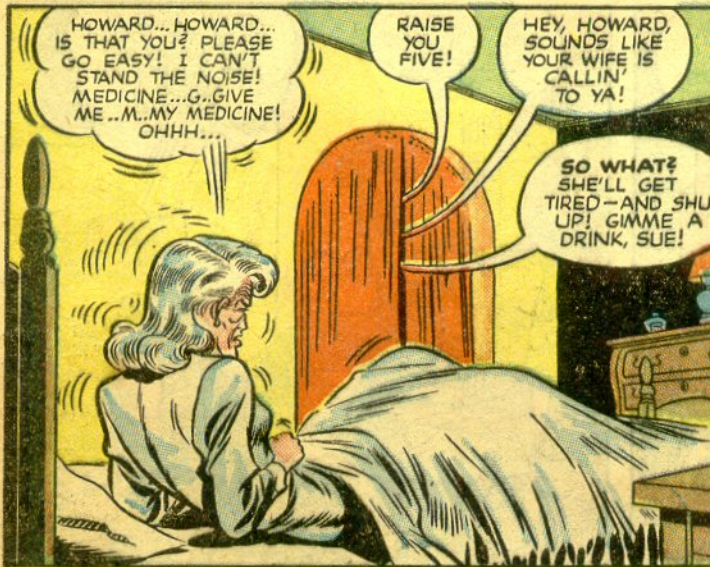






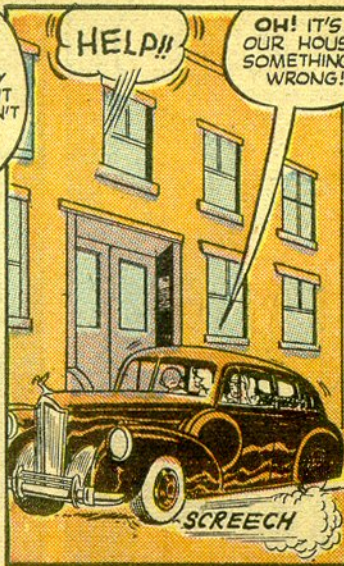




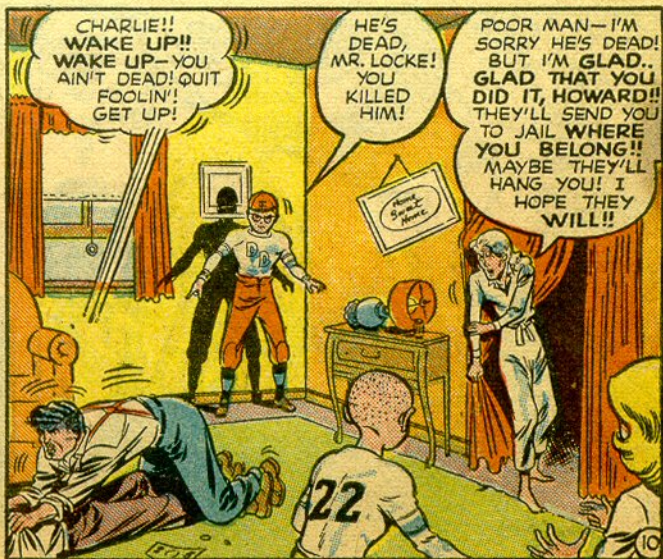
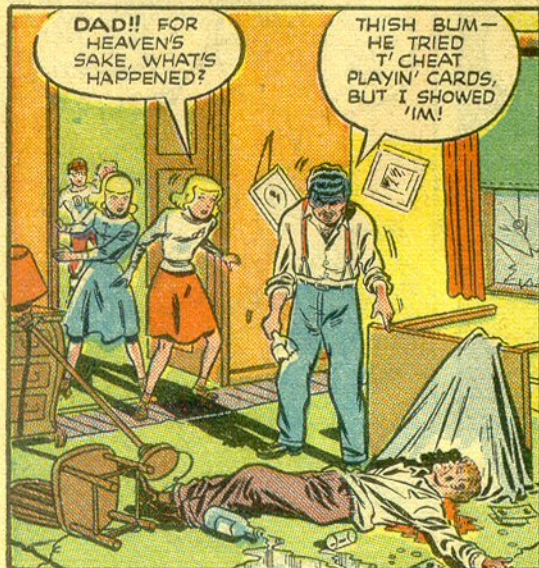
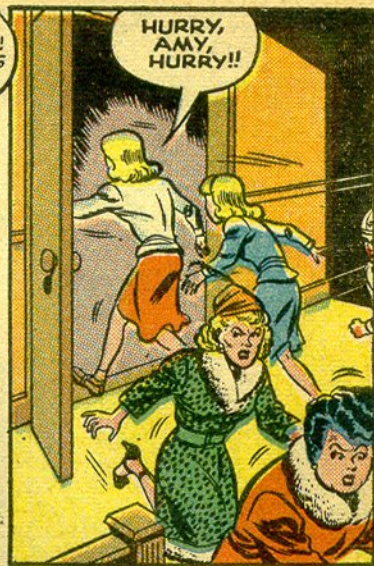


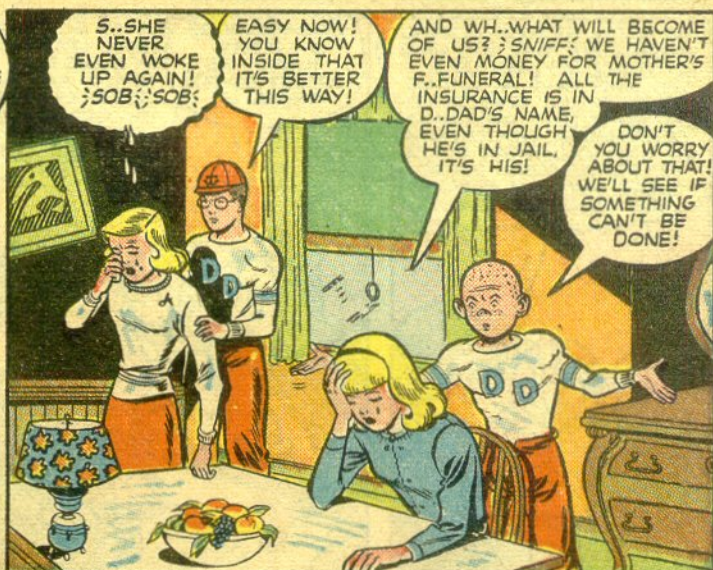


AW, IT'S THAT RUMPOT, LOCKE, ON A RAMBLE AGAIN! THAT GUY OUGHTTA BE SENT AWAY! IF IT WASN'T FOR HIS POOR WIFE AND KIDS, I'D TAKE HIM IN!



OH! IT'S OUR HOUSE! SOMETHING'S WRONG!





AS THE INSURANCE CLAIM ADJUSTER, I'M POWERLESS TO DO ANYTHING, BUT PAY THE CLAIM TO THE BENEFICIARY MENTIONED IN THE POLICY! NATURALLY, MY PERSONAL SYMPATHIES ARE ENTIRELY WITH THESE GIRLS!

CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING, JUDGE CONNOR?



I BELIEVE I CAN! THESE GIRLS ARE STILL MINORS, AND THEREFORE, THEIR FATHER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR SUPPORT! AS HE IS FACING A MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE, WHICH CARRIES WITH IT A SENTENCE OF FROM TEN TO TWENTY YEARS, THE LAW SAYS THAT DURING HIS IMPRISONMENT HE LOSES HIS CIVIL RIGHTS, AND IT BECOMES THE DUTY OF THE COURT TO ADMINISTER HIS AFFAIRS!



THEREFORE, IT BECOMES POSSIBLE FOR ME, AS HIS ADMINISTRATOR, TO SET ASIDE A CERTAIN SUM EACH YEAR OF THE TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR INSURANCE MONEY, FOR THE SUPPORT OF HIS DAUGHTERS! I FEEL THAT \$2,000 A YEAR IS A FAIR SUM FOR THESE GIRLS TO RECEIVE, UNTIL THEY BECOME SELF SUPPORTING!



THE SOCIAL SERVICE BUREAU INFORMS ME THAT YOU HAVE NO PLACE TO LIVE, SINCE YOU NOW HAVE AN INCOME. I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT YOU ATTEND BROADMOOR PREPARATORY SCHOOL, WHERE MY OWN DAUGHTERS GO! I'M ON THE ADVISORY BOARD THERE, AND CAN ARRANGE FOR YOUR ENROLLMENT!



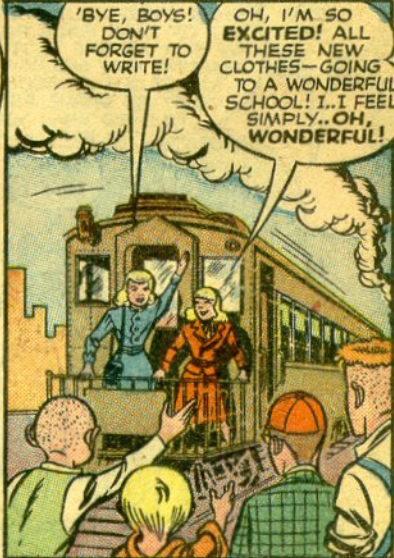
BROADMOOR!! OH, GOLLY, THAT'S THE NICEST SCHOOL THERE IS!

IF WE GO THERE, WE'LL LEARN TO RIDE AND PLAY TENNIS, AND ALL SORTS OF THINGS! OH, JUDGE CONNOR, HOW CAN WE EVER THANK YOU?



'BYE, BOYS! DON'T FORGET TO WRITE!

OH, I'M SO EXCITED! ALL THESE NEW CLOTHES—GOING TO A WONDERFUL SCHOOL! I...I FEEL SIMPLY...OH, WONDERFUL!



HEY, FELLERS, LOOK! A LETTER FROM BROADMOOR SCHOOL!

GOSH! FROM AMY AND ANITA, I BET!

WHAT A BRILLIANT DEDUCTION! WHY THE HECK DO YOU GET SO EXCITED ABOUT THOSE GIRLS?



You are cordially invited to attend the **FRESHMAN SPRING PROM** at the Broadmoor School for Girls.

BROAD MOORE

Dear Missguys,
We hope you'll be able to come to the prom - all of you! Anita and I have two real cute room-mates, and when they heard about Seacrow, and Pee Wee - they begged us to invite them up as their dates. Promise you'll come.
As always,
Amy

GOSH, DO YOU REALLY THINK I'LL LEARN TO RHUMBA IN TIME FOR THE DANCE?

SURE! YOU'RE DOIN' FINE!

HEY, PEE WEE, YOU'RE GOOD! YOU REALLY HAVE RHYTHM! NOW WE'LL SEE IF WE CAN FIND YOU A NICE MIDGET!

FOR PETE'S SAKE! YA KNOW, I KINDA LIKE DANCIN' AT THAT!



THE END

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THIS IS YOUR PAGE

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

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Dear Reader:

In every issue of DAREDEVIL this page is devoted to your opinions, ideas and suggestions. Since the conception of DAREDEVIL, we have been guided by two ideals—first, the eradication of crime and, second, to give credit to the fearless detectives and officers of the law, who daily risk their lives that you and we may live in a more lawful society.

CHARLES BIRO and BOB WOOD, Editors

We are not only speaking of DAREDEVIL comics but also of CRIME DOES NOT PAY and BOY comics.

As everybody knows, they are the best comics that were ever published, and we girls simply go for them—more than for either Frank Sinatra or Jorge Negrete, the Mexican crooner.

Sincerely, Girls School Gang
President, Mary Rodriguez
Box 441, Las Cruces, New Mexico

That's music to our ears. Our books can't come out for their curtain calls, but they will be on the stands next month.

Dear Mr. Biro:

As a college freshman, I find little time for comics, but I can always find time for the DAREDEVIL magazine. As I am majoring in art, I especially want a magazine with superior drawings. Yours is one of the few that has such.

You have, in the July issue, presented the wonderful story of an ex-convict, who became a credit to the community because he was given a break by understanding citizens.

Always keep DAREDEVIL under the same high standards you have maintained in the past because it rates along with the school textbooks in teaching a valuable lesson.

Sincerely, Miss Geneva Owens
821 South Walnut, Sherman, Texas

As long as there are presses and paper to print them on, it will remain our constant obligation.

I wish to express my opinion of your excellent magazine. I think that the stories are superlative and your drawings are works of art. You do not glamorize criminals, but show them in their true sordid form.

Sincerely yours, Francis Jackman
34 Pine Street, Whitinsville, Mass.

In many cases criminals' true wickedness can't be shown for editorial reasons. Many of their vicious antics and deeds are unprintable. It is a pity that many stories written about criminals

tend to glorify them, perhaps not intentionally, but somehow the readers are left with some sympathy for the criminal, which he does not deserve.

Dear Charles Biro:

I am thirty years of age and a businessman. For the past five years, I have not missed an issue of DAREDEVIL. They were all commendable, but the last edition which I have just finished has overwhelmed me to such an extent that I find myself compelled to write to you. Without a doubt your magazine is terrific. It surpasses all other comic books. It's human, taken from real life. The characters you portray are living people. I have fallen in love with Pee Wee, the little guy that acts big. Dozens of my friends are now reading DAREDEVIL. Many of them were once skeptical about comics.

Once again, three cheers for you and your writings, and please try to get your comics to South Africa faster so that we, the readers, need not be kept in suspense longer than necessary.

Yours sincerely, Nat Stafford

Rydal Mount Hotel, 130 Gillespie Street
Ocean Beach, Durban, Natal, South Africa

*If my hat gets too small for me it's your fault!
Thanks, C.B.*

I am one of many in my neighborhood, who wishes to express my ardent thanks for your untiring and eloquent work in producing the most widely demanded magazine today, DAREDEVIL. I am writing this letter on behalf of my friends. We want you and your staff to know our appreciation. Yours is the most American comic on the newsstands. To us it stands for all the lofty ideals of true American citizenship—honesty and true Americanism in the keenest sense. Wishing you more power for a great magazine,

Most sincerely yours, Thomas Meehan
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I salute your crew on behalf of my crew. C.B.

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DAREDEVIL

and the LITTLE WISE GUYS

THE POINT IN THIS STORY IS RATHER DELICATE! IT WAS DIFFICULT TO GET IT ACROSS, PARTLY BECAUSE IT DEALS WITH THE COMPLEX MECHANISM OF THE MIND! WHAT MAKES AN OBJECT GOOD? WHY DO WE CONSIDER SOMEONE BEAUTIFUL OR HANDSOME? IS A WOMAN BEAUTIFUL, LET US SAY, ONLY BECAUSE WE DESIRE HER? SHOULD WE NOT DESIRE HER, SHE WOULD NOT BE BEAUTIFUL IN OUR EYES, THOUGH PERHAPS THERE MAY BE MILLIONS OF OTHERS WHO MIGHT CONSIDER HER BEAUTIFUL BY THEIR STANDARDS! WHAT YARDSTICK DO WE USE?

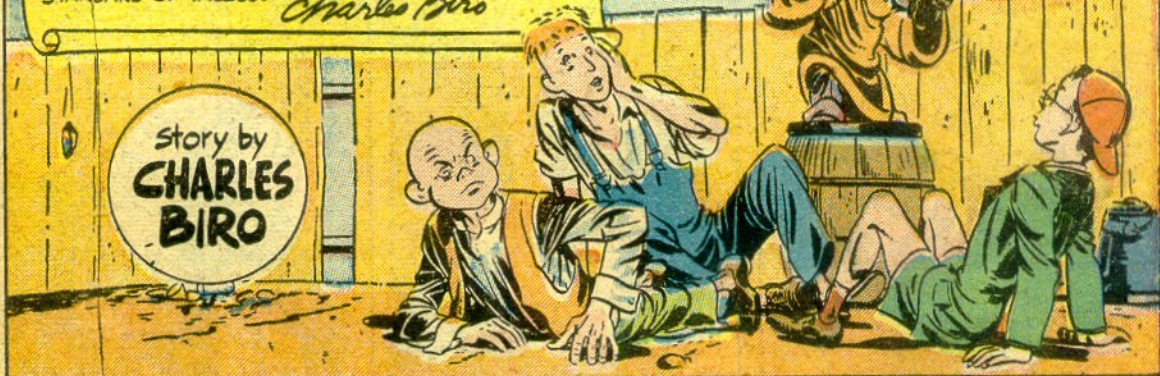
PURELY FROM THE POINT OF PHYSICAL APPEAL, BILL, WHO MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED ATTRACTIVE TODAY, MAY OVER NIGHT, FIND HIMSELF THE MOST POPULAR BOY BY MANY GIRLS IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD, ONLY BECAUSE OF A CERTAIN NEW MOVIE STAR, WHOM BILL HAPPENS TO RESEMBLE.

WOULD WE CONSIDER THE MISS AMERICAS OF THIRTY YEARS AGO BY OUR PRESENT STANDARDS, BEAUTIFUL? THE MAN WHO TAKES PRIDE IN HIS OLD CAR, WHO KEEPS IT HIGHLY POLISHED, WILL GAIN MORE RESPECT AND ENVY THAN THE MAN WHO OWNS THE LATEST MODEL! IT'S REALLY IN THE MIND! IN SHORT, WHAT ONE MAY DESPERATELY DESIRE TODAY, HE MAY SUDDENLY ABHOR TOMORROW! IN THIS STORY, JOE MARTINI DESIRED SOMETHING FANATICALLY, UNTIL HE FOUND A NEW STANDARD OF VALUES!

Charles Biro

Story by
**CHARLES
BIRO**

NOW THAT
YOU GUYS ARE
ALL KNOCKED OUT
FROM SLUGGIN'
EACH OTHER—I'LL
TAKE YOU ON,
BUT ONE AT
A TIME!



HEY, CURLY,
YOU'RE NOT
DOING A THING
I TOLD YOU!
KEEP YOUR EYES
OPEN AND AIM
YOUR SHOTS!
YOU'RE WASTING
TOO MANY
PUNCHES!

HEY! YOU'RE
SLUGGIN', CURLY!
IF THAT'S HOW
YOU WANT IT,
O.K.!

YEP!
THAT'S
HOW I
WANT
IT!

HOLD UP A SEC, SCARECROW!
YOU'VE BOTH GOT THE WRONG
ATTITUDE I WANT YOU TO TAKE
YOUR BOXING SERIOUSLY, BUT
I DON'T MEAN THAT YOU
SHOULD TAKE EACH OTHER'S
HEADS OFF!

KEEP YOUR BLOWS
LIGHT, BUT SHOOT IT
FAST WHEN YOU SEE
AN OPENING! IF YOU
WANT TO GET GOOD
AT IT, YOU'VE GOT
TO CONSIDER EVERY
PRACTICE BOUT
THE REAL
THING!

HEY, D.D.,
PEE WEE
WANTS 'ME
TO BOX
WITH HIM!
IT'S SILLY—
HE WON'T
TAKE NO
FOR AN
ANSWER!





AW, SHUCKS,
THESE DUMB
LACES KEEP
POPPIN'
OPEN!



TAKE IT EASY, PEE WEE!
SCARECROW WILL WAIT!
HOW DO YOU EXPECT
TO GET INSIDE OF
HIS REACH?



ARE YOU KIDDIN', D.D.?
I CAN LICK THAT BIG GOOF
WITH ONE HAND TIED!

WHOSE
HAND?
HIS?



HOW IN HECK AM
I GONNA BOX WITH
YOU, HALF PINT?
SOMEBODY GO
GET HIM A
LADDER!

WHADDAYA
MEAN, YA
BIG HAYSEED!
I'LL BRING
YOU DOWN
TO MY SIZE!
C'MON, AN'
FIGHT!



ATTABOY, PEE WEE!
YOU'RE A
REGULAR
JACK-TH-
GIANT
KILLER!

HECK! I CAN'T
FIGHT YOU WAY
UP HERE! NEITHER
CAN I DOUBLE
MYSELF UP LIKE
A JACKKNIFE
WAIT, I'VE GOT
AN IDEA!



OKAY
HERE
I AM,
PEE WEE!
SLUG
AWAY!

DON'T THINK
I WON'T! KEEP
YOUR GUARD
UP, OR YOU'LL
BE SORRY!



WHAT'S SO
FUNNY? YOU'LL
BE LAUGHIN' THROUGH
THE OTHER SIDE OF
YOUR MOUTH WHEN
I GET WARMED
UP!

HA! HA!
HE! HE!
HA! HA!
HE! HE!
HA! HA!



HIYA, D.D.!
HEY, WHAT GIVES,
OR AM I IN THE
WRONG
PLACE? HA!
HA! HA!

CALL TIME,
D.D., OR I'LL
KNOCK MYSELF
OUT LAUGHIN'!





AS MUCH AS I WOULD ENJOY TALKING TO YOU, I HAVE SOMEONE WITH ME SO MUCH MORE CAPABLE OF DISCUSSING THIS PROBLEM! HE HAS GENEROUSLY AGREED TO TAKE MY PLACE AS A SPEAKER! I PRESENT DAREDEVIL!

WHY, YOU LOUSE!



THIS IS INDEED AN HONOR! WILL YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD, MR. DAREDEVIL?

I'LL FIX YOU LATER FOR THIS!



DAREDEVIL'S HERE!

WHERE IS HE?

WHAT'S EVERYONE SHOUTING ABOUT?

DAREDEVIL!



WHO?

DAREDEVIL!



WE'RE LIMITING EACH SPEAKER TO TWENTY MINUTES, BECAUSE THERE ARE TEN MORE TO FOLLOW YOU, AND WE HAVE TO CLOSE AT ELEVEN! I'LL RAP MY GLASS IF YOU OVERRUN YOUR TIME!

FINE!



WHO DID YOU SAY?

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...

I SAID DAREDEVIL!



WHO?

DAREDEVIL!!



YES? WHAT IS IT, KILROY?

(GULP)
N...NOTHING!
(MUMBLE)
(MUMBLE)



SOME SAY COMBATING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY IS A PROBLEM FOR THE SCHOOL—OTHERS SAY IT BELONGS TO THE COMMUNITY—STILL OTHERS SAY, LET THE POLICE AND REFORM SCHOOLS WORRY ABOUT IT!



WHILE IT IS CHIEFLY A PROBLEM FOR THE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS! I BELIEVE ALL THE ADULTS OF THE COMMUNITY MUST SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THE CHILDREN!



ONE OF OUR BASIC TROUBLES IS THAT WE, OURSELVES, OFTEN FAIL RIGHT THERE! DUE TO OUR COMPLEX SOCIETY, IT IS EASY TO FALL VICTIM TO A FALSE SET OF STANDARDS, INSTEAD OF BASING OUR LIVES ON A SOUND, MORAL CODE OF HONESTY, KINDNESS, LOYALTY, AND ALL THE OTHER VIRTUES!



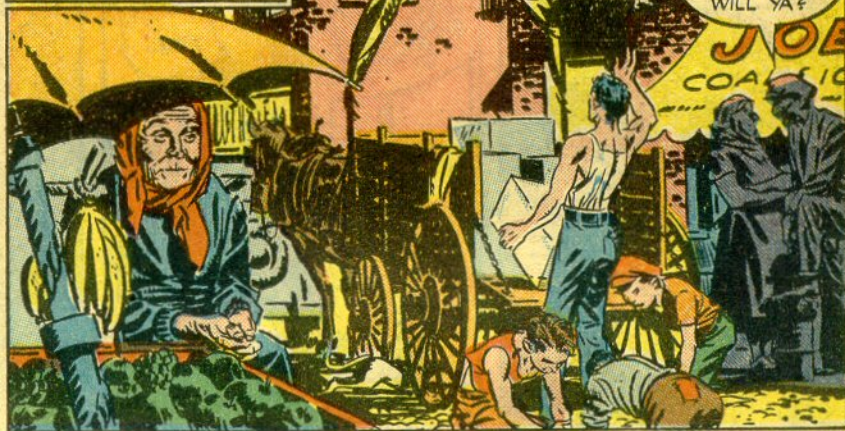
WE STRESS LIVING UP TO THE JONESES—ACQUIRING POSSESSIONS THAT WILL IMPRESS OTHERS, BEING SEEN WITH THE "RIGHT" PEOPLE—ALL THINGS OF FLEETING VALUE! IT'S NO WONDER MANY YOUNG PEOPLE GET CONFUSED AND GET OFF THE TRACK!



THEY SEEK SHORT CUTS TO THESE ENDS AND BECOME SO BLINDED BY DESIRE, THAT THEY NEVER STOP TO REALIZE THAT WHAT THEY DO MAY JEOPARDIZE THEIR LIVES! I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU A STORY ABOUT A BOY—I'LL CALL HIM JOE MARTINI, TO ILLUSTRATE MY POINT!



"JOE LIVED ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE—HE WAS YOUNG AND ENERGETIC! HE EVEN OWNED HIS OWN COAL AND ICE BUSINESS!"



HEY, JOE!! I NEED EXTRA ICE TODAY—MAKE IT A TWENTY CENT PIECE!

HEY, JOE, WHEN YA GET THROUGH WITH MRS. KELLY, DROP A DIME PIECE AT MY PLACE, TOO, WILL YA?

HERE YOU ARE, MRS. KELLY! THAT'S THE BIGGEST PIECE YOU EVER BOUGHT! ARE YOU PLANNING A PARTY?

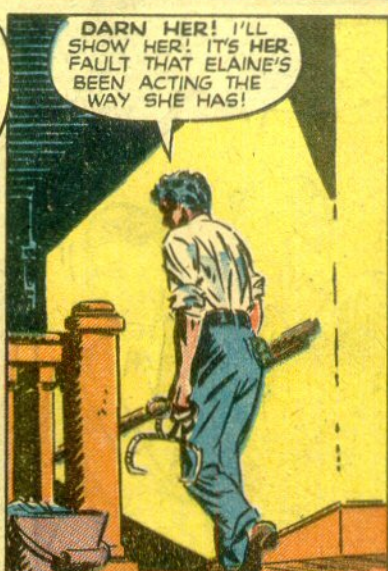
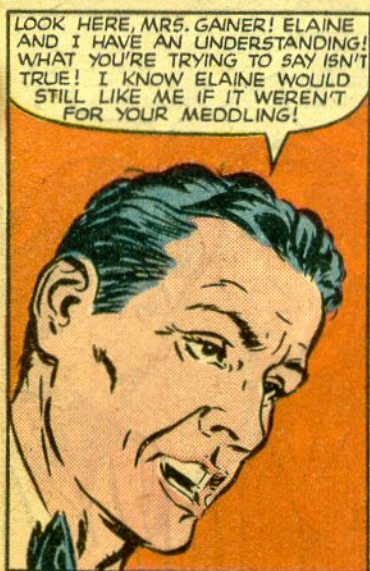
THAT'S RIGHT, JOE! BILL IS COMING HOME FROM THE ARMY!



HIYA, JOE! GIVE US A HUNK OF ICE, HUH?

SURE, MIKE, HELP YOURSELF!







JUST LIKE I THOUGHT—
BOB WEST! HE'S WAITING
FOR HER ALRIGHT, BUT
NOT FOR LONG! HEY,
WEST, YOU WAITIN'
FOR SOMEBODY?

NOW AIN'T
YOU THE BRIGHT
ONE! HOW DID
YOU FIGURE
THAT OUT?



I KNOW! YOU'RE
WAITING FOR ELAINE,
AREN'T YOU? ER...
SHE TOLD ME TO
TELL YOU SHE
COULDN'T
MAKE IT!

THAT OLD GAG! CUT OUT
THE BALONEY, JOE! ELAINE
AND I HAVE A DATE,
AND I'M KEEPING IT!



OH, YEAH? MAYBE
THIS WILL MAKE
YOU CHANGE
YOUR MIND!

JOE!! ARE
YOU CRAZY?
OKAY, TOUGH
GUY, YOU
WIN!



HI, ELAINE! BOB
WEST COULDN'T
KEEP HIS DATE
WITH YOU, SO
I TOLD HIM
I'D WALK YOU
HOME!

THAT'S
FUNNY—
ARE YOU
SURE?



SURE, I'M SURE!
THERE'S NO USE
WAITING FOR HIM!
C'MON, LET'S WALK
BACK ALONG
THE RIVER!

WELL, ALL RIGHT, BUT FIRST,
PROMISE ME ONE THING
THAT YOU WON'T TALK
ABOUT US—
PROMISE?



YEAH, I PROMISE!
REMEMBER WHEN
WE USED TO WALK
ALONG HERE LATE
AT NIGHT? LOOK—
OUR FAVORITE
BENCH! LET'S SIT
DOWN A WHILE
FOR OLD TIME'S
SAKE!

REMEMBER
YOUR PROMISE,
JOE!



HONEY, I'M
STILL CRAZY
ABOUT YOU!
I GUESS I
ALWAYS WILL
BE! GIVE
ME A LITTLE
KISS, WON'T
YOU?

OH,
JOE,
THERE
YOU GO
AGAIN!



HOW MANY TIMES DO
I HAVE TO TELL YOU
NO? CAN'T YOU UNDER-
STAND THAT IT'S ALL
OVER? I HAD A CRUSH-
ON YOU WHEN I WAS
IN SCHOOL, BUT THAT'S
FINISHED—ENDED!

ELAINE! QUIT TALKING
LIKE THAT! I CAN'T
STAND IT—DON'T
YOU SEE, I STILL
LOVE YOU?





JOE! HEY,
JOE! WAIT A
MINUTE!



JOE!

HE PASSES
ME LIKE I WAS
DIRT! HE THINKS HE'S
A BIG SHOT ALREADY!
THEY'RE ALL ALIKE!



SHE'S GOT TO
MARRY ME! I
CAN'T LIVE
WITHOUT HER!
SOB SOB



SHE THINKS I WAS FOOLING
ABOUT THE GUN! I'LL SHOW
HER WHEN I'M DEAD, SHE'LL
BE SORRY!



I DON'T LIKE THE WAY HE SAID
GOODBYE! I THINK HE REALLY
MEANT GOODBYE FOREVER! I
MUST GET THAT GUN FROM
HIM! HE'S JUST CRAZY
ENOUGH TO...OH, GOOD
HEAVENS!!



MRS. VENENZO!
WHERE'S JOE?
I HAVE TO
SEE HIM!

HE RUSHED
PAST ME
LIKE A
CRAZY MAN!
I TRIED TO
TELL
HIM....



JOE! JOE!
PUT DOWN
THAT GUN!



ELAINE! YOU'VE CHANGED YOUR
MIND! YOU WILL MARRY ME!

NO! I CAME TO
GET THAT GUN
FROM YOU! GIVE
IT TO ME, JOE!
PLEASE!!

IF THAT'S HOW IT STILL IS! I'M GLAD YOU CAME! I'LL KILL YOU, AND THEN, MYSELF! IF I CAN'T HAVE YOU, NO ONE ELSE WILL! COME ON, DARLING, LET'S KISS EACH OTHER FAREWELL!



JOE!! YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR HEAD! PUT DOWN THAT GUN!! JOE, YOU STAY AWAY FROM ME!! HELP!! HELP!!

HIYA, JOE! AWW...ELAINE BEAT US TO IT—SHE TOLD YOU ALREADY!



GET OUT!! ALL OF YOU!! OUT!!

NO!! COME IN!! PLEASE COME IN!!

HEY, YOU AIN'T GONE HIGH HAT ON US, HAVE YOU, JOE? OR DON'T YOU KNOW THAT YOU WON THE SWEEPSTAKES? THE WHOLE BLOCKS IN AN UPROAR! TAKE A LOOK OUTTA THE WINDOW!

WHAT? WHO?



JOE WAS JUST G..GIVING IT TO ME AS A SOUVENIR FROM HIS G.I. DAYS! IT DOESN'T WORK! THANKS, JOE, I'LL TAKE IT ALONG WITH ME!



YEA, JOE!! LUCKY YOU!!



C'MON, DOWN AN' BUY US A DRINK AT THE SHAMROCK!

I'LL BE RIGHT DOWN! YOU'RE SURE THIS IS NO GAG!

80,000 SMACKERS! BOY, BETCHA YOU'LL BE STEPPIN' OUT IN HIGH SOCIETY NOW!



NOT ME, HARRY! I'M STAYING RIGHT WHERE I AM! AND I'M GIVING EVERYBODY ON THE BLOCK A HUNDRED BUCKS!

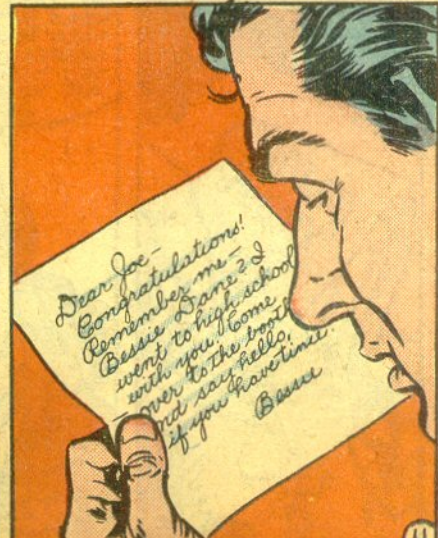
ANOTHER ROUND FOR THE HOUSE, PAT, AND KEEP SETTIN' 'EM UP WHEN THEY GET EMPTY! HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT—IMAGINE ME WITH 80,000 SMACKERS—WOW!!



WILL YOU GIVE THIS NOTE TO JOE FOR ME?



SURE, LADY!



Dear Joe—
Congratulations!
Remember me—
Bessie Lane? I
went to high school
with you. I come
over to the boat
and say hello,
if you have time.
Bessie



GEE, IMAGINE HER REMEMBERING ME! GOSH, I NEVER EVEN DARED TO SPEAK TO HER IN THOSE DAYS!



BESSIE—GOSH, IT'S SWELL TO SEE YOU! YOU'RE MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN EVER!

WHY, JOE, YOU'RE AN EXPERT FLATTERER—AND YOU'VE BECOME SUCH A BIG, HANDSOME MAN—DO SIT DOWN—I DIDN'T DREAM THAT YOU'D REMEMBER LITTLE ME!



WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING SINCE YOU LEFT THE BLOCK?

OH, MODELLING FOR A WHILE—AND THEN THE THEATER!



YOU MEAN YOU'RE AN ACTRESS? SAY, THAT'S WONDERFUL! ARE YOU ON BROADWAY?

I WAS FOR A WHILE, THEN OUR SHOW WENT ON THE ROAD! I'VE BEEN AT THE BIJOU IN CLEVELAND ALL WINTER!



I'LL BET YOU'RE TERRIFIC—THE NEXT THING I'LL HEAR, YOU'LL PROBABLY BE THE BIGGEST STAR IN HOLLYWOOD! HERE, LET ME GIVE YOU A LIGHT...



BUT LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT ME! LET'S TALK ABOUT YOU AND THE WONDERFUL PRIZE YOU WON! WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS, JOE?

I HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO THINK ABOUT ANYTHING!



OF COURSE, THE FIRST THING YOU'LL WANT TO DO IS GET SOME OF THE LATEST HOLLYWOOD SUITS! I CAN JUST SEE YOU IN A DEEP BLUE—WITH WIDE SHOULDERS! MMM... HUBBA, HUBBA!

YOU'RE KIDDING ME!



I'M GOING OUT, DEAR! MY, YOU'RE ALL DRESSED UP FOR THE PARTY! WHO ARE YOU GOING WITH? THAT NICE BOB WEST?

OH, NO, MOTHER, I'LL PROBABLY GO WITH JOE! I HAVEN'T GOT A DATE WITH HIM, BUT HE'LL COME AROUND!

JOE!! BUT I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T LIKE HIM ANY MORE! I KNOW HE WON ALL THAT MONEY, BUT YOU ALWAYS SAID YOU COULDN'T LOVE HIM, EVEN IF HE WAS A MILLIONAIRE! ANYWAY, HOW DO YOU KNOW HE'LL COME FOR YOU?

HE'LL COME— WAIT AND SEE! I'VE CHANGED MY MIND ABOUT HIM! IT'S NOT THE MONEY—IT'S...IT'S JUST THAT I FEEL DIFFERENTLY NOW!

RRRING!!

I WONDER WHY I CHANGED MY MIND? I NEVER REALLY NOTICED HE WAS GOOD LOOKING, TILL THE GIRLS BEGAN TALKING ABOUT HIM! SEE, WHAT DID I TELL YOU! HE'S COMING!

OH, IT'S YOU! I THOUGHT IT WAS JOE!

JOE'S AT THE PARTY ALREADY! AFTER ALL, HE'S THE GUEST OF HONOR! C'MON, YOU'RE MISSING ALL THE FUN! I'M GLAD I DECIDED TO SEE IF YOU WERE IN OR NOT! ARE YOU COMING DOWN?

WAIT TILL YOU SEE JOE! HE LOOKS TERRIFIC! I GUESS HE'S AN OKAY GUY, AFTER ALL! HE GAVE ME AN' ALL HIS OLD PALS A HUNDRED BUCKS, AN' HE SAID NO HARD FEELINGS ABOUT YOU!

OH, THERE'S JOE NOW! W..WHO'S THE GIRL WITH HIM?

THAT'S BESSIE DANE! YOU REMEMBER HER! SHE WENT TO SCHOOL WITH US— SLICK CHICK, HUH?



LET'S GO OVER AND SAY HELLO!

AW, ELAINE, WHAT FOR? ...OKAY, IF YOU INSIST!

JOE! CONGRATULATIONS! I'M SO THRILLED BY YOUR WINNING!

THANKS, ELAINE! OH, YOU REMEMBER BESSIE DANE, DON'T YOU?

HELLO, ELAINE!

IF YOU THINK WINNING THE SWEEPS WAS SOMETHING, WAIT TILL YOU HEAR THE REALLY BIG NEWS—I'M GOING TO ANNOUNCE IT LATER IN THE EVENING—BUT I'LL LET YOU TWO IN ON THE SECRET NOW!



SESSIE AND I ARE GONNA BE MARRIED!

MARRIED!! BUT I THOUGHT... WHY, YOU FICKLE...

LET HER GO! I KNOW WHAT'S EATING HER! SHE'S HAD A CHANGE OF HEART SINCE I CAME INTO THE CHIPS! I WOULDN'T HAVE HER NOW, IF SHE WAS THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND!



HE CAN'T!! HE CAN'T!! HE CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! HE SAID HE LOVED ME!

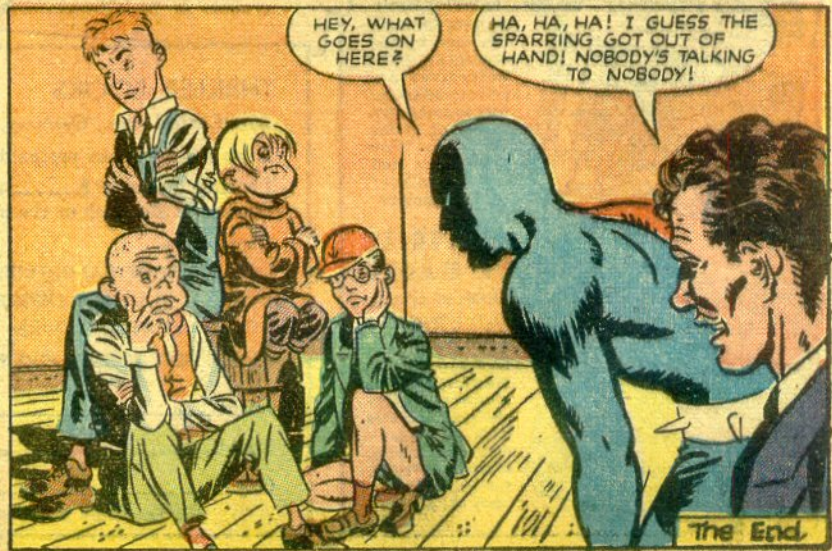
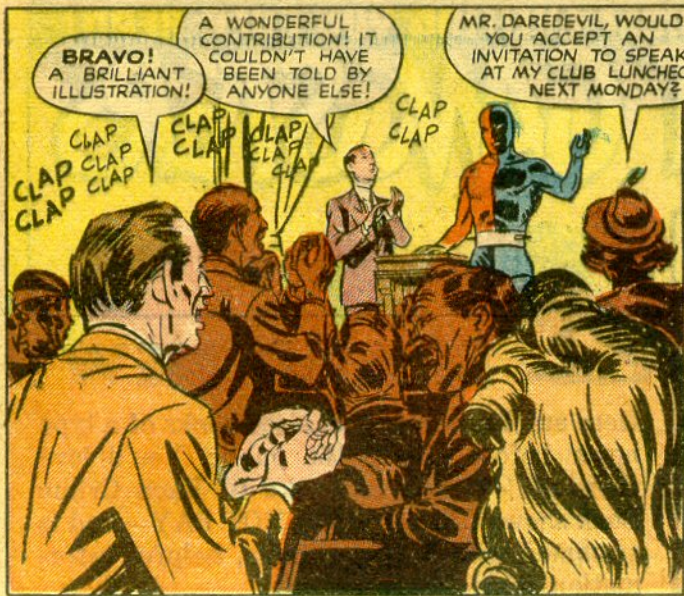
HE MEANT IT! HE'S GOING TO MARRY THAT... THAT GOLD DIGGER! I CAN'T STAND IT! NOW I LOVE HIM!



BUT HE DOESN'T LOVE ME!



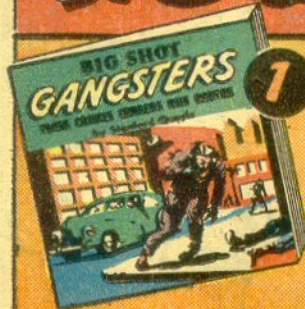




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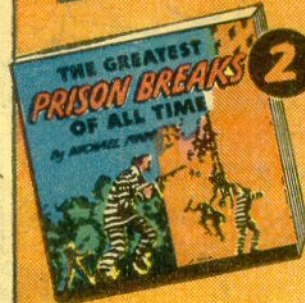
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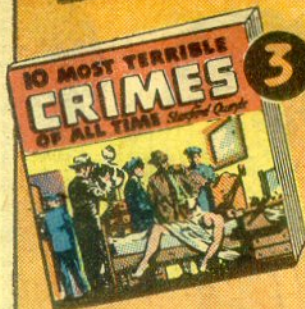
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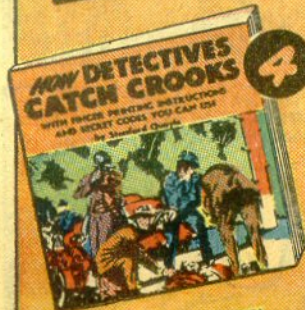
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A CRIMEBUSTER STORY

"**S**O THAT'S the story, and here we are," said Police Inspector Crandell as the ornate apartment house elevator started upward. "Five, please," he added to the operator. *Crimebuster* grinned. "As far as I'm concerned," he said, "any excuse is good enough to go calling on Geraldine Gray. I think she's one of the finest actresses in the world today."

"It may not be as pleasant as you think," answered Crandell. "Her husband, Loren Gray, informed me over the phone that she was 'acting very strangely lately—acting up awfully, you know—threatening to kill herself and so forth.' So it's a business call for me. He wants me to meet her under the guise of a social guest but in reality to see if there's any danger of her carrying out her threats."

"Here we are, gentlemen," said the operator. "Fifth floor."

As the heavy door slid silently back in front of *Crimebuster* and Inspector Crandell, a man in shirtsleeves ran heavily by. Stepping out of the elevator and following the direction taken by the runner, they saw a little cluster of excited people before a door half-way down the long hall.

"Oh-oh! Trouble," said Crandell, quickening his pace. As they reached the group of people, he flashed his badge. "What's going on here? Why are you folks—?"

Crandell never finished his question. He was interrupted by a high pitched, screaming woman's voice. Her words carried clearly through the door, but the rumble of a man's voice, apparently answering her, was indistinguishable.

"I don't care anymore! I don't want to live," came the voice. "I'm through—through with living, through with working—through, do you hear me?"

"That's Geraldine Gray," said *Crimebuster*. "I'd know that voice anywhere!"

"She started screaming like that a couple of minutes ago, Mister," said one of the men in the crowd. "She's got the door locked, too, and won't answer the bell. We just sent for the manager."

As the man spoke, the voice on the other side of the door rose to a fresh peak of hysterical screaming. "Get away! Get away from me or I'll—!"

As they heard the flat sound of the shot, *Crimebuster* and Crandell lunged at the door in unison, but it refused to give. As they fell back for another try, the voice began again.

"Now you'll stay away! Just stand there and watch," came the scream. "I told you I'd do it—and I will! Now!!" There was the sudden, hard snap of another shot, and then silence.

Crimebuster and the Inspector hurled them-

selves at the door again, and then a third time, but to no avail. As they prepared for the fourth attempt, a loud voice from within commanded, "There's no need of that, gentlemen. I'm coming!" A moment later the door opened to reveal the familiar, dramatic face of Loren Gray.

"Oh, Inspector—it's fortunate that you are here," he said slowly. "My wife has just killed herself. Will you come in, please?"

A moment later, the door closed against the crowd outside, the two crime fighters surveyed the room. It was beautifully furnished, but in utter confusion. Across the grand piano, draped from the huge radio-recording machine and scattered over the floor lay a profusion of men's and women's garments. A mink coat lay among a pile of fallen sheet music in front of the piano, a man's coat and gloves in front of the radio—it was a scene of wanton carelessness.

On the floor in the exact center of the huge room lay the body of Geraldine Gray, a bullet hole in her right temple. Her right hand still clutched a small, pearl-handle automatic.

Loren Gray sank slowly into a chair by the door. "You'll have to—excuse me for a moment, gentlemen," he said, burying his face in his hands. "I—I'm stunned!"

"Of course, Mr. Gray," answered Crandell, kneeling beside the body. "Instant death—no other marks," he began muttering to himself.

In the silence that followed, *Crimebuster* quietly began to examine the room. He bent to pick up a twisted cloth belt from the floor, spotted the negligee it had come from further across the room and started towards it. Then, changing his mind, he picked up a bath towel and studied the large smudge of wet lipstick across its center, and shook out its wrinkled folds before dropping it back to the floor. On one knee, he examined the pair of men's gloves which he found lying fresh and clean on top of an overcoat near the radio. Suddenly Loren Gray's voice brought him out of his reverie.

"Well, Inspector—let's get it over with!"

Gray was standing, his shoulders straightened, a wry smile on his face. "I've been in too many mystery plays not to know that it's time for me to tell my story. And since I realize it's a routine necessity, the sooner I get it done the better I'll like it."

"Thank you," answered Crandell. "It will save time and trouble."

"Well, as I told you on the phone, my wife has been acting very strangely for the past few days," Gray began. "She broke her contract, and took to bursting in on me at odd hours to inform me that she intended to commit suicide.

"This evening, just before you arrived, I was

out here reading and Geraldine was in the bedroom, apparently quiet for a change." He gestured towards a door on the other side of the room. "Suddenly, without warning, she burst through the door carrying all this clothing you see, and started flinging it about the room. Naturally, I leaped up and tried to stop her. And then—she produced that gun!"

Gray looked from one to the other of his listeners, and shrugged expressively. "Of course, that stopped me for a moment. But then she started screaming that she was going to kill herself, and pointed the gun at her head. I started toward her again. She fired at me. To tell the truth, I don't know whether she intended to hit me or not, but it stopped me, even though she missed. You'll probably find the bullet somewhere in that wall." He pointed to the wall opposite the door.

"The rest was over quickly," continued Gray. "She walked to the center of the room, said something about 'I told you I'd do it,' and calmly shot herself in the temple. As soon as I could recover from the shock, I opened the door, and you gentlemen know the rest."

Crandell immediately began questioning Gray as to a possible motive for his wife's suicide, but *Crimebuster* was not listening. His eye had fallen on the robe which matched the belt he had checked before. With a puzzled frown he stared, at its crisp, fresh folds, and then, as he bent to examine it, he stopped short, staring at a book which was one of a shelf of plays in a bookcase just beyond the radio.

Crimebuster glanced quickly at Gray, but the actor was deep in conversation with Crandell. Quietly *Crimebuster* extracted the book, and opened it with a riffle of pages to a page near the end. For a moment he was absorbed in reading, then slowly he glanced from the stained towel to the gloves at the base of the radio-recorder, and at the wrinkled belt closer to him. Then he slid the book back in place and turned quietly to catch Crandell's eye.

Gray had his back turned and couldn't see *Crimebuster's* elaborate wink, but Crandell caught it over Gray's shoulder. Crandell's face remained impassive and he nodded as *Crimebuster* said, "Say, Crandell—what about a suicide note? Perhaps Mr Gray will show you his wife's dressing table and desk."

"Of course," Gray agreed. "Right this way, Inspector."

Crimebuster watched them enter the door of the bedroom and then leaped silently to the radio-recorder. "Not much time," he muttered, "but then he didn't have much time either!"

A few moments later, Crandell and Gray returned to find *Crimebuster* standing by the radio-phonograph. *Crimebuster's* hand moved, and in the silence broken only by the hum of the machine, he stared at Gray. Gray's eyes widened and a flush crept into his face but he said nothing.

Crandell frowned in annoyance and opened his mouth to speak, but before any words came, he was interrupted. Interrupted by a voice from the dead—the voice of Geraldine Gray.

"I don't care anymore," screamed the voice. "I don't want to live! I'm through—through with living, through with working. . . ."

Crimebuster and Crandell watched, the latter visibly shaken, as Gray's face grew livid and his body quivered convulsively. "Stop it! Turn it off!" he shouted in a hoarse voice.

Crimebuster flipped a switch, and the voice ceased abruptly. "A recording of the last scene in 'Perchance to Dream,' done by Geraldine Gray—with which Mr. Loren Gray led us to believe that his wife committed suicide when in reality he murdered her," said *Crimebuster* in a flat voice. "Will you come down to Headquarters and tell us about it, Mr. Gray?"

His years of dramatic self-control standing him in good stead, Loren Gray pulled himself together. "Of course, I shall deny everything," he said quietly, "but I will go with you. May I get my hat?"

Crimebuster and the Inspector watched silently as Gray crossed the room and lifted his hat from a chair in front of the long windows. He hesitated, then turned to face them. "I may as well admit I did it. She was slowly driving me crazy. Perhaps when we meet again, our surroundings will lead to a quieter life."

With a sharp gasp of realization, *Crimebuster* started forward, but too late. "That's all there is," said the famed actor. A flashing smile, a sweeping bow, and Loren Gray plunged his body out of the window, leaving the curtain rippling gently where he had been standing.

"It was the book that did it," said *Crimebuster*, perched on the edge of Crandell's desk. "The other things—the lip-sticked towel, the wrinkled belt from the pressed negligee, the clean, unworn gloves—they all meant something, but it wasn't till I saw the copy of 'Perchance to Dream' that the whole thing fell into a perfect design."

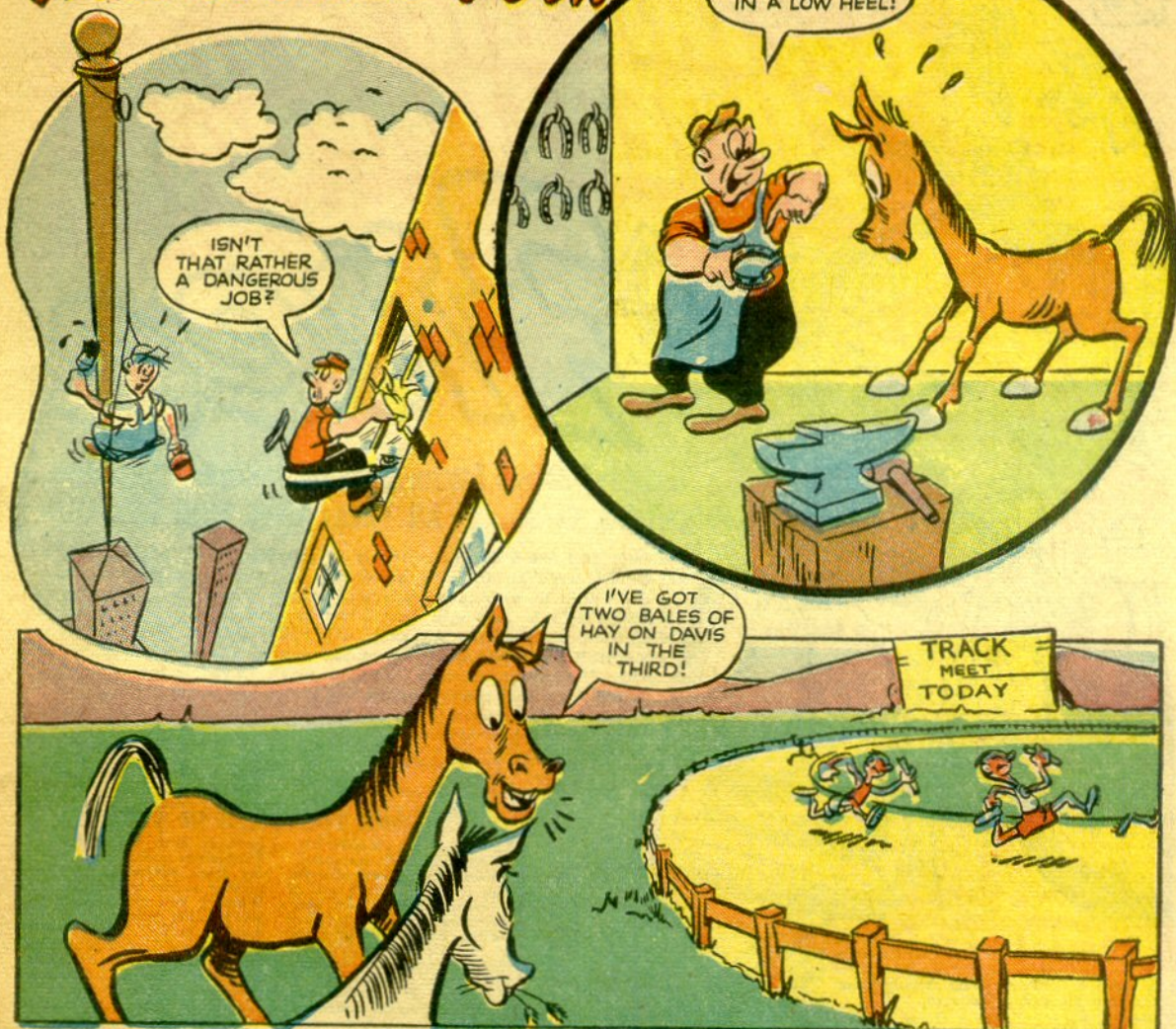
"Then he threw all those clothes around the room himself," said Crandell.

"Exactly. You see, it was all staged for you. He could see you arrive through the window, but he knew he wouldn't have time to hide any rope he might tie his wife with, before you got upstairs. So he tied her wrists with the belt and gagged her with the towel and used the gloves to keep his prints off the gun. Then all he had to do was shoot her, throw the things on the floor among the rest of the clothes, slip the record into a pile of others and open the door."

"From now on, keep me away from actors," grunted Crandell.

"Not me," answered *Crimebuster*. "There's nothing I admire more than a good performer. The trouble with Gray was that he was a good performer—but a very bad actor!" *The end*

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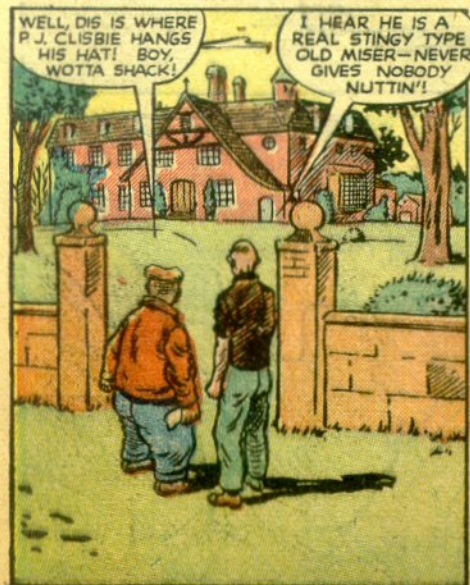
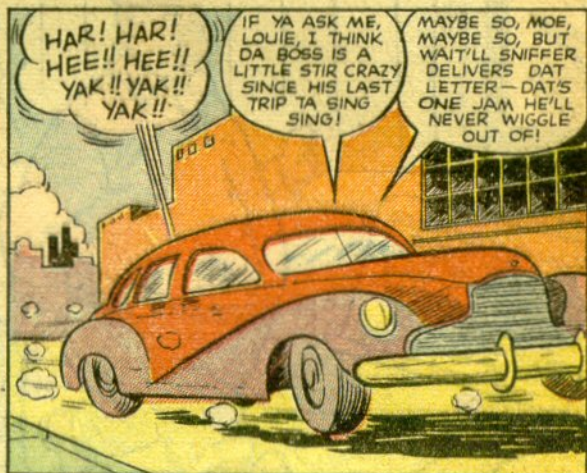
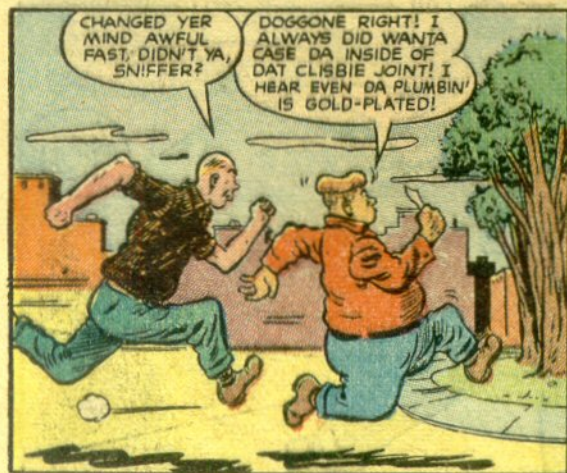
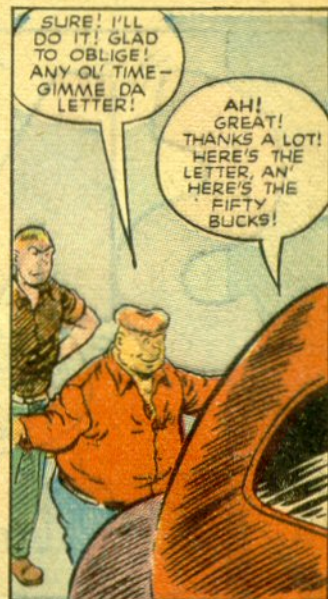
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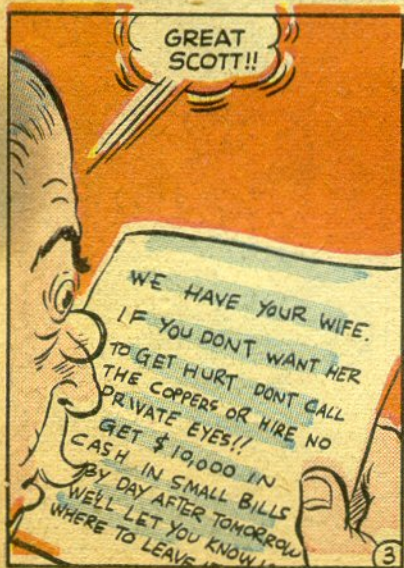
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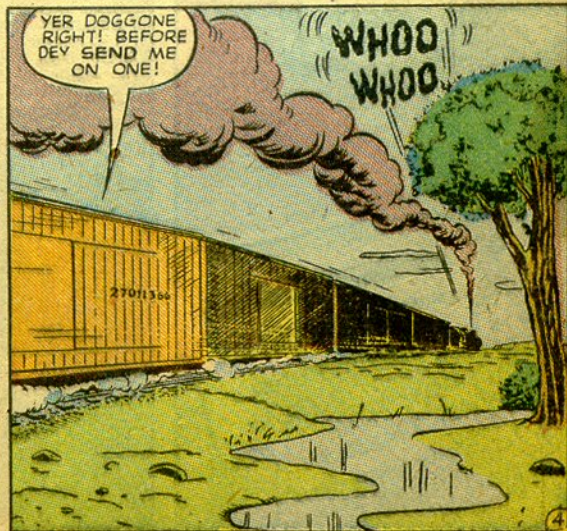
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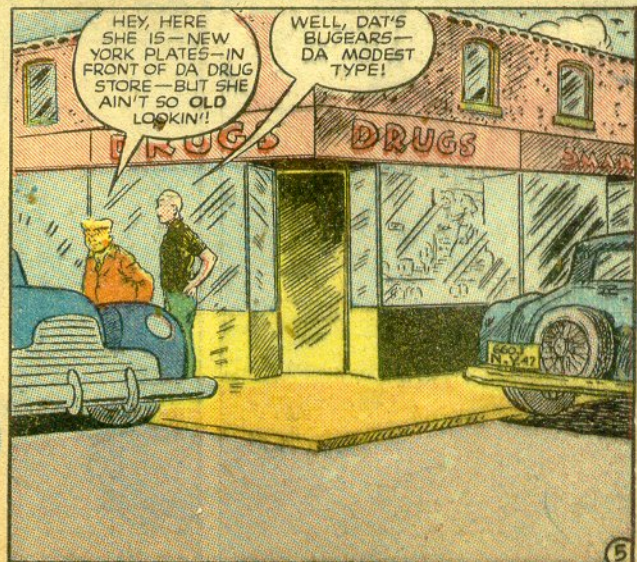
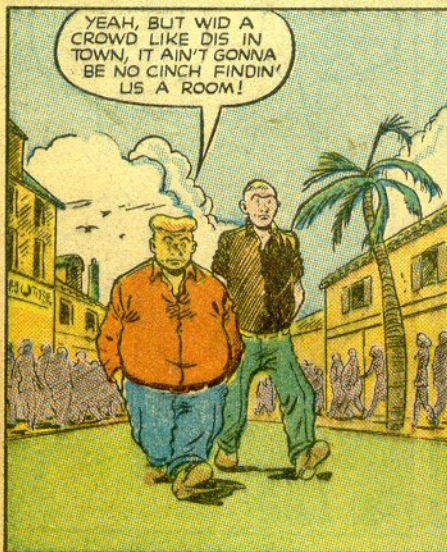
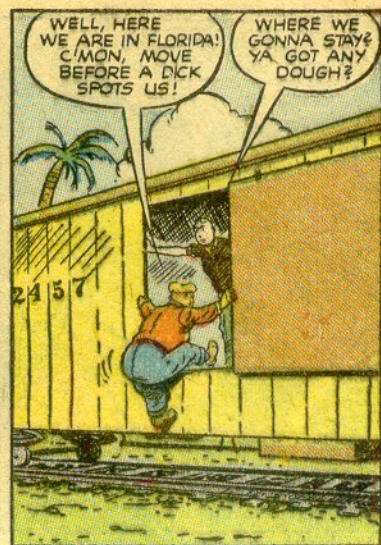
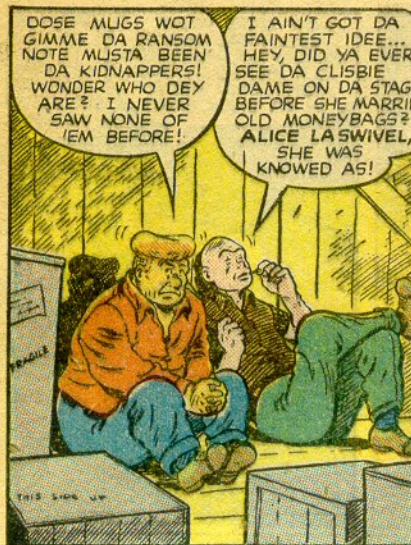


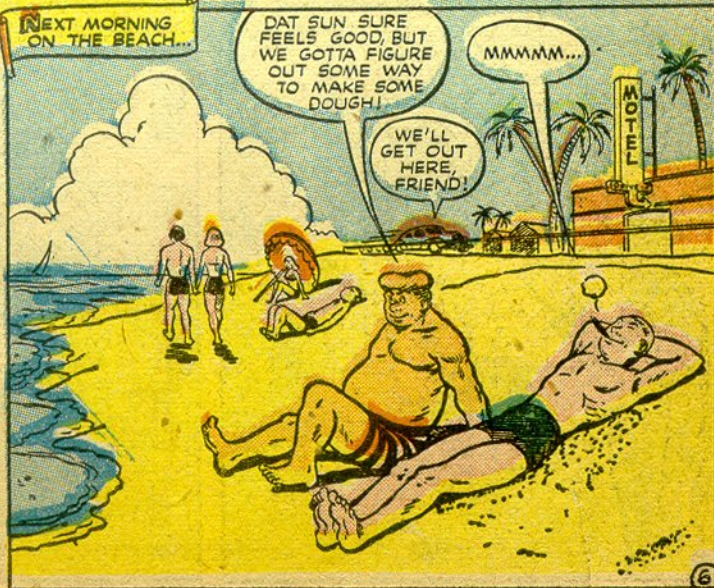
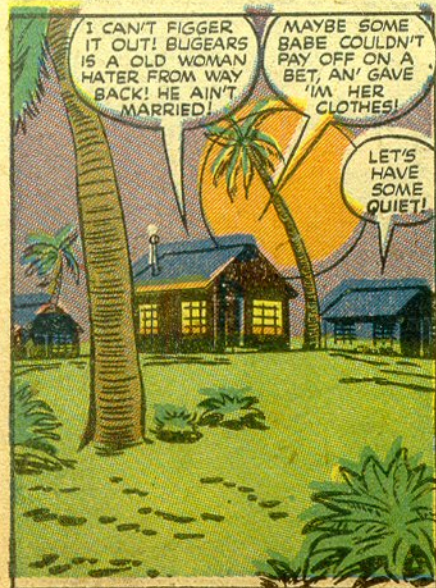
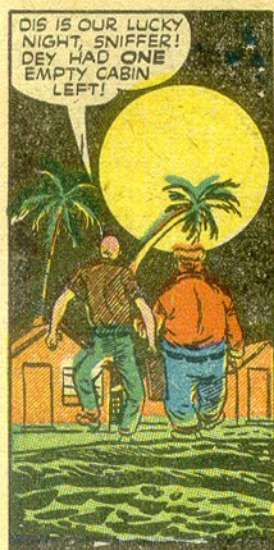
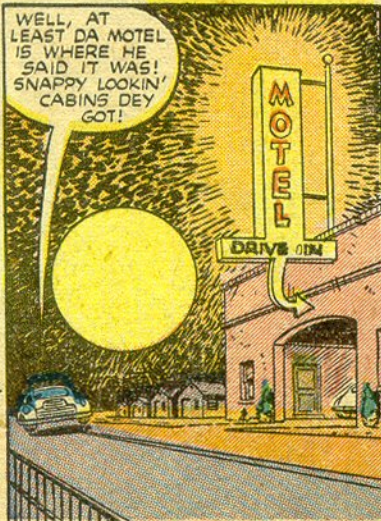


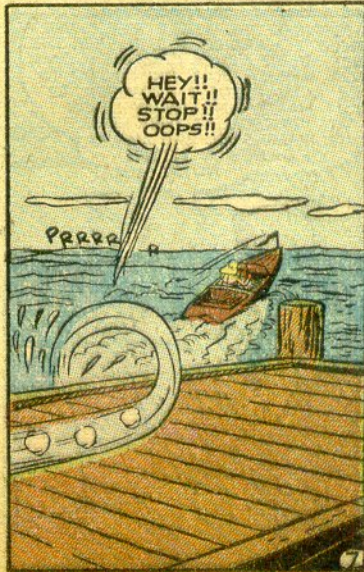
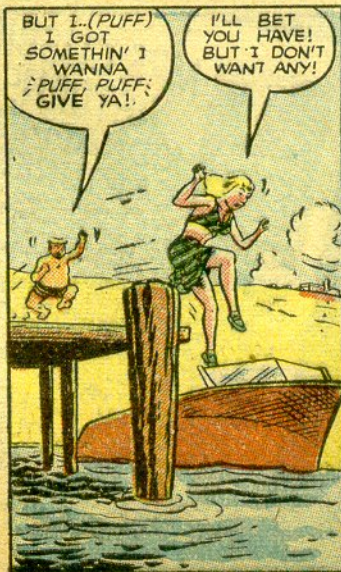
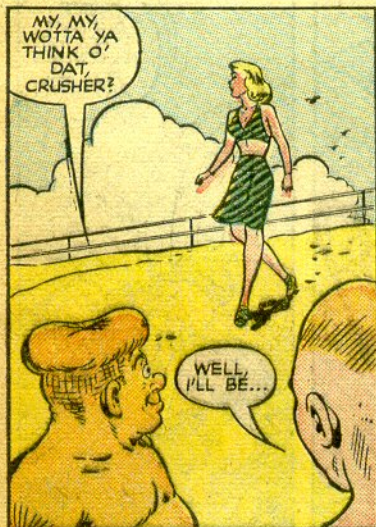
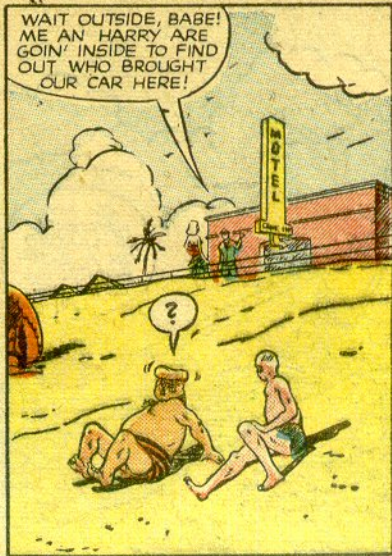
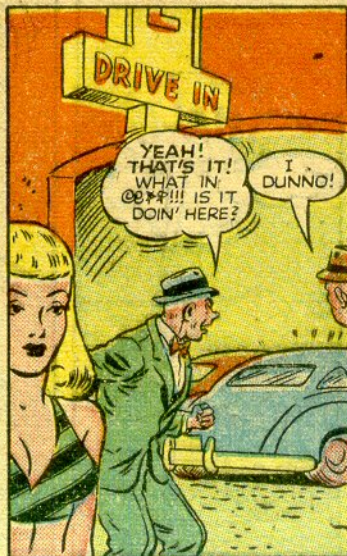


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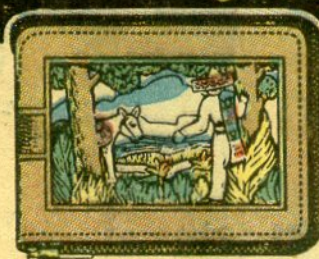
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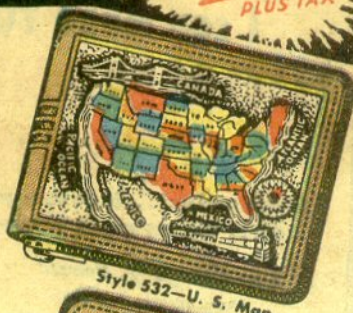
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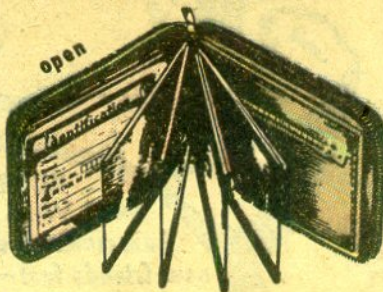
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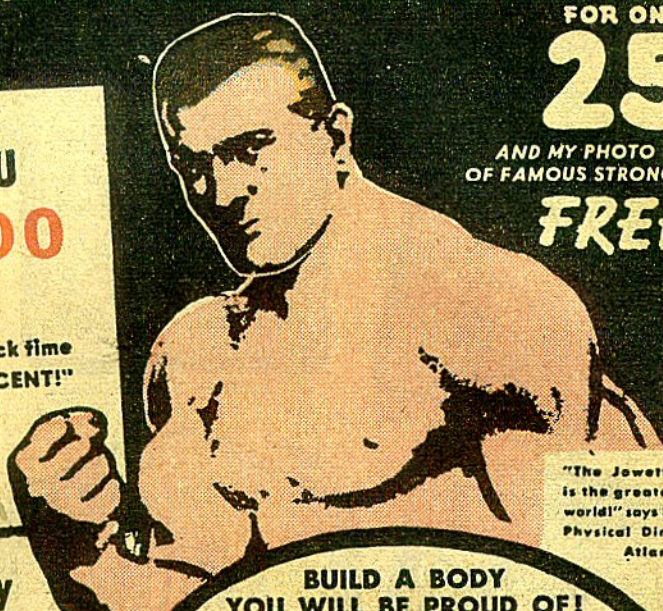
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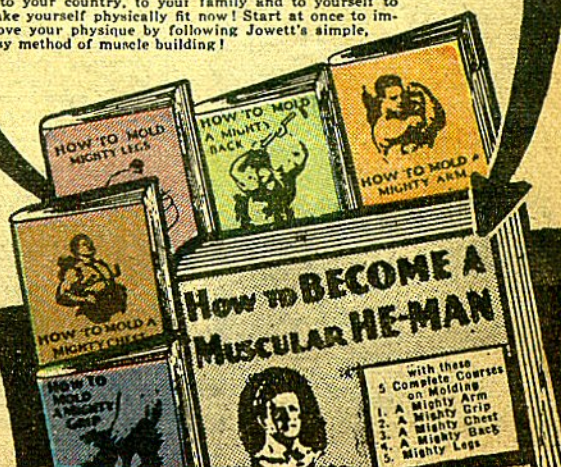
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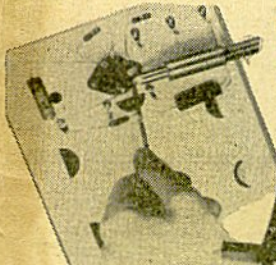
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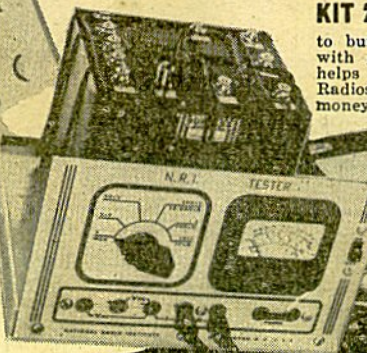
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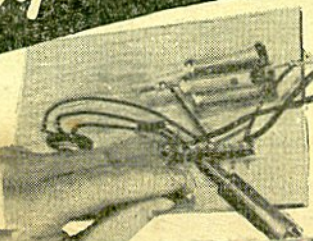
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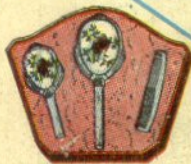
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